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Caribou Season Closes in Southern Unit 25B

The State of Alaska hunting season for caribou in Unit 25B accessible from the Yukon River will close at 11:59 p.m. Saturday night, September 28, 2013.

“The Fortymile Caribou Herd made a sudden movement north of the Yukon River into southern Unit 25B and we need to close the season in southern Unit 25B to prevent over harvest of the herd,” said Area Biologist Jeff Gross. The winter-long season and the bag limit of 10 caribou in Unit 25B was designed to accommodate migratory patterns of the much larger Porcupine Caribou Herd, which rarely approaches the Yukon River.

Hunting seasons for Fortymile caribou in the traditional Fortymile hunt area in Units 20E, 25C, and portions of Units 20B and 20D closed earlier to prevent overharvest as Fortymile harvest quotas were reached.

The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan (harvest plan) as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2012 through 2018. The harvest plan allocates all available Fortymile Herd harvest to a hunt area south of the Yukon River in portions of Units 20B, 20D and 25C and all of Unit 20E.

The Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan guides harvest of the herd from 2012 to 2018, and regulations are based on the plan. Management is designed to allow the Fortymile herd to continue to grow and expand into its former range in Alaska and Yukon.

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